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Honorable Merle L. Garcia
Governor
Pueblo of Acoma
P. O. Box 309
Acomita, New Mexico 87034

Dear Governor Garcia:

For more than 30 years, the Anaconda Minerals Company conducted uranium mining operations here at the Pueblo. In March 1982, the Company ceased its operations. Since then, the Pueblo working with various Federal Agencies, has been pursuing the reclamation of the mine area. The total effort includes a study of the homes and structures in the village located closest to the mine, Paguate. The study is being conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). A part of the study requires the inspection and examination of structures identical or similar in construction of the homes in Paguate to structures in other locations in order to determine such matter as structural stability and rate of deterioration.

The purpose of this letter is to request your cooperation and assistance in the study by permitting USGS's representative, Mr. Kenneth King, to inspect and photograph several structures at your Pueblo. Mr. King will be at Laguna during mid-August and late September, and it would be during either one of these periods of time that Mr. King would be visiting your Pueblo. This phase of the study is critical to the success of the study and to the Pueblo's efforts to relate the damages to the homes in Paguate to the mining operations.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

Chester T. Fernando
Governor

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cc: Laguna Agency



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